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**PERSONAL**

A. J. Colborn is attending court in Montreal and will return home this evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Cornell returned yesterday afternoon from the Bermuda Islands.  
City Solicitor Vosburg was in Baltimore Sunday on business. He returned home yesterday afternoon.  
Miss Kate Potts, the assistant of Superintendent of Schools Howell, is confined to her home on Adams Avenue with diphtheria.  
J. A. Meers, F. W. Shear, Miss Margaret Shear, M. M. Price and F. E. Greene were registered at the Hotel Albert, in New York, last week.  
City Editor John H. Jordan and Reporter William Malia of the Truth's local staff, have resigned. They have been succeeded by M. E. Sanders and R. J. Squire.  
E. M. Strong and son, Harry B., will leave today for Cape Nome, Alaska. Mr. Strong is a member of the Crown Trading company, which owns its own steamer.  
W. F. Thayer, division freight agent of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, is in New York, attending a conference of the general, soliciting and contracting freight agents of the company.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swisher, of South Main Avenue, left Sunday afternoon for Chicago. Mr. Swisher has been granted a three week absence by the Central Railroad of New Jersey, owing to ill health, and before returning he will take the baths at Hot Springs. His son, Charles, is acting district passenger agent, during his absence.

**DONATIONS FOR THE HOME.**

List of the Persons Who Remembered That Institution.  
The Home for the Friendless has been kindly remembered in 1900, among the innovations recently planned was that a committee should visit the various markets and meat shops, asking the proprietors to send left over produce on Saturday night to the Home. A man was secured who goes about at the time of closing on Saturday evenings and gathers a wagon load of vegetables, fruit, meats, etc. The value of these contributions can scarcely be estimated. Following are the names of the regular contributors. If any other dealers would be willing to have the man call at their places for business for contributions, a postal card addressed to the Home for the Friendless will be greatly appreciated:  
Saturday night contributors: J. T. Boyer, Everett Brothers, E. G. Cousins, A. M. Starr, W. H. Pierce, T. E. Carr, D. E. Marberger, W. H. Pierce, Everett Brothers, H. A. Pierce.  
The following are the donors for the past quarter: Miss Maggie Zeidler, quantity of bread and cakes; Mrs. C. B. Scott, quantity of milk and large supply of hardware; Mrs. G. M. Hall, large supply of hardware; Mrs. A. B. Dunning, Mrs. Lillian Hall Morris, clothing; Industrial school of the First Baptist church, Hyde Park, large supply of garments; Lackawanna Dairy company, meat; Mrs. Shaffer, Mrs. Seward, Mrs. McConnell, birthday treat for children; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schlegel, platform; Lackawanna Hardware company, grill stove; Scherer Brothers, two barrels crackers; Mrs. C. H. Pond, sick room supplies; Mrs. A. A. Tenking, clothing; Mrs. Margaret E. Post, cash 81; Mrs. Sanderson, chair, carpet rags; Mrs. F. K. Tracy, case tomatoes; Mrs. F. Bunk, clothing, etc.

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People of First Ward Are Not Agreed as to Where They Want the School Building Located—Considerable Discussion Over the Appropriation of Money for the Kindergarten. It Was Decided to Devote \$4,000 to That Branch of School Work. The Pay Roll Passed.

**MUST SIGN CONTRACT.**

Judge Archibald Decides That the Asphalt Repair Contract Is Perfectly Legal.

For a second time the local court declares valid and commendable the ten-year contract between the City of Scranton and the Barber Asphalt company, for repairing the asphalted streets. The equity suit of H. Campbell and William Farrell, brought by Attorney C. Comer, against the Asphalt Paving company, attacking the contract and the ordinance under which it was executed, was yesterday dismissed by Judge R. W. Archibald, at the cost of the plaintiff, on the demurrer filed by City Solicitor A. A. Vosburg and ex-City Solicitor I. H. Burns, counsel for the Barber company.

The former case was that of E. Moses against the same parties, with the same attorneys as counsel in each case. Judge Gunster gave the decision. The charges of fraud in connection with the passage of the ordinance and execution of the contract, which Judge Archibald characterizes as "very loosely and indefinitely made, were expressly withdrawn at the time of the argument, and the only question left, which the court deemed worthy of discussion, was whether the council had a right to make a contract for repairs of streets extending through a term of years.

Against this right, Judge Archibald goes on to say, it is contended that municipalities are required to pursue a "pay as you go" policy, annual revenues being collected and annual appropriations made for annual needs. This, the court says, may, to an extent, be true, it certainly is not absolute and unbending. Speaking of the argument that the contract in controversy is for a municipal duty specially excepted, out of those which are required by the statute to be performed by contract let to the lowest responsible bidder, Judge Archibald says that the "ordinary repairs of highways" are no doubt excepted, but the repairs contemplated in this contract are not "ordinary," but on the contrary, "extraordinary."

"It may be," the judge says, "that it would be to the decided advantage of the city to equip itself to do its own repairs, but the mayor and council who passed the ordinance authorizing the contract, apparently, thought otherwise, and over their judgment we have no control. The conditions, at least, were not ordinary, and they had a right to meet them as they have, and assuming that the city was not in shape to do its own repairing, the contract extending over a term of years was the only reasonable and economical way of meeting the problem."

"By it, the city, in consideration of a fixed annual expenditure extending through a term of years yet to come, was enabled to get the benefit of immediate repairs, largely in excess of the amount at once payable; and the rate bargained for was likely to be materially less when the party who was to do the work had the cost of the plant, which had to be maintained, spread over ten years, instead of being concentrated upon one or two. These considerations and others, which might be referred to, entirely justify and approve the contract as made."

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They Will Compute the Vote Cast at Saturday's Primaries.  
In the arbitration room of the court house this afternoon at 2 o'clock there will be a meeting of the Republican and Democratic judges of the Third legislative district, who will compute the vote cast at Saturday's primaries.  
Up to last evening Secretary J. E. Watkins had received the unofficial returns from all but three of the voting precincts of the district, and they showed that James had received 1814 votes, and Mackey 852, giving James a majority of 962.

**CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.**

Lamp Fell from a Table and Ignited Her Clothing.  
Alice, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. O'Hara, of Minooka, was almost cremated Saturday evening in her home by the upsetting of a lamp, which fell from the kitchen table.  
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**OBITUARY.**

Harry R. Hardenbergh died April 5, after a brief illness at the home of his mother in South Bethlehem. He was born in Honesdale and was the son of the late Joseph Barton Hardenbergh, of that place, and nephew of Miss S. Louise Hardenbergh, of this city. His remains were taken to Pottsville, Pa., yesterday and interred in the family plot. Mr. Hardenbergh was a young man of Christian integrity and principle, with a social manner which won him many friends. He was a member of the Robert Odium camp, S. of V., his father, although then quite young, having served full time during the war of the rebellion in the Third Pennsylvania Reserves, Company B.

At the residence of his mother, 214 River street, William Hart, aged 22 years, died yesterday. He had been suffering for several months past from injuries sustained in an accident. Mr. Hart was a young man of much promise and his death is a blow to the many acquaintances and friends, whose esteem and respect he had always possessed. He is survived by his mother and one brother. The funeral will take place Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, with services in St. Peter's cathedral and interment in Cathedral cemetery.

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H. F. Smart, charged with obtaining money by falsely representing himself as an agent for Collier's Publishing house, Charles Fishburne, charged with stealing carpenter tools from Aaron King, a fellow-workman, and Edward Subliski, charged with malicious mischief, made pleas of guilty, but court refused to accept them until he learned more of the circumstances.

**OBITUARY.**

Harry R. Hardenbergh died April 5, after a brief illness at the home of his mother in South Bethlehem. He was born in Honesdale and was the son of the late Joseph Barton Hardenbergh, of that place, and nephew of Miss S. Louise Hardenbergh, of this city. His remains were taken to Pottsville, Pa., yesterday and interred in the family plot. Mr. Hardenbergh was a young man of Christian integrity and principle, with a social manner which won him many friends. He was a member of the Robert Odium camp, S. of V., his father, although then quite young, having served full time during the war of the rebellion in the Third Pennsylvania Reserves, Company B.

At the residence of his mother, 214 River street, William Hart, aged 22 years, died yesterday. He had been suffering for several months past from injuries sustained in an accident. Mr. Hart was a young man of much promise and his death is a blow to the many acquaintances and friends, whose esteem and respect he had always possessed. He is survived by his mother and one brother. The funeral will take place Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, with services in St. Peter's cathedral and interment in Cathedral cemetery.

Mrs. Mattie E. Cox, wife of Edward Cox, of Green Ridge, died Saturday at the Lackawanna hospital, where she was receiving treatment, following an operation. He was 27 years old and the daughter of Albert S. Newton, of Peckville, one of the court messengers. The body was removed to his home and the funeral will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon, with Rev. S.

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